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Let us follow up the argument. Protection may be correctly defined to be the right of purchasing before others. Under the present application of this theory it is the right not of obtaining from a single Government or the settler, but gradually maturing through successive steps or stages to self-personal settlement—creating a dwelling-house—inhabiting the land—effecting survey—filing claim and description—making and filing the necessary affidavits—obtaining a patent from the Government—purchase money under the act of 1863, must be before the first day of sale and granting the patent. Some of these are to be done by the settler, and others by the Government. The Government has covenanted and agreed through the voluntary action of Congress that they will perform their portion of the duty, and will perform his; and if the latter does not perform the duty prescribed by the law to him, the officers of the Government are no

ever in the houses above named.

### Our Mails.

If it was our habit to swear, on any occasion, we would for one time attempt to imitate the "Army in Flanders," and give the mail-carriers between this point and St. Louis particular attention. But there is no one in talking "Flanders." General Campbell is the only one that can stir the mail-lingering, but passenger-carrying Congressmen, and we suppose he and Forsyth can be busy in talking the East and South between their eyes West—(Jesse Messenger).

We have blowed up almost every official connected with the mails, from the Parkville P. M. down to P. M. General Campbell, and have concluded to "stop that knocking, just to see how much of a humbug the mail service can be made, especially from this St. Louis." If the Department at Washington

Gov. Reader was required by the act to take an oath that he would faithfully dis-

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## LUMINARY.

PARKVILLE, FRIDAY, FEB. 2, '55.

## Temperance Song.

Neighbors all great and small—  
Come listen to my song  
And I'll tell you of "Good Templars" who  
Are coming right along.  
We drink no rum, we drink no gin,  
From brandy we abstain,  
For health and wealth and wisdom  
Never follow in their train.

Chorus.  
O whiskey! O brandy! wine and rum and gin!  
You may be quite good-looking, but we cannot  
let you in.

Whiskey has a devil's voice—  
Not like a dove's at all—  
We hear it from the gutter,  
And we hear it in the brawl.  
Brandy has a hollow heart,  
As you will all agree;  
And it wants to stoke the hearts away,  
From such as you and me.

Chorus.—O whiskey! &c.  
Whiskey never stokes his eyes—  
He never goes to sleep;  
He loves to see men fight and swear—  
His wits and sinners weary.  
See how the whisky—tho' he no foot,  
And straightaway thumps down,  
Then awful groans and curses come  
From that part of the town!

Chorus. O whiskey, &c.  
All Templars know, and for it give,  
That one thing liquor doers.  
The good old-fashioned "Main Law," which  
"Staves-in" the barrel houses,  
They'd break all laws of tin or glass,  
And smash up shopkeepers strong,  
To stem the flood of drunkenness  
So ends my little song.

Chorus.—O whiskey! &c.  
On Tuesday morning last, the giver at this  
place was frozen over, and such a gratification  
as it afforded to the owners of the house. Every  
team was forthwith put in regulation, and the  
way the "wheels" were handled was a caution to  
people of weak nerves. The ice is quite thin—  
not over 2 inches thick—but the good folks here  
away were glad to see even that.  
The weather has moderated considerably, and  
there will soon be a break up of the frost bridge.  
We expect a boat up soon!

Col. F. Bures has been appointed Post-  
master at Parkville, Mo. Col. A. B. Stoddard  
resigned. Look here, Col. Bures—no more  
take a ten-foot pole, with a nail in the end of it,  
and stir up the officials at Washington? Tell  
them we are on a daily mail route, but that on an  
average we hardly get service twice a week!—  
Letters from St. Louis reach Parkville in from  
10 to 15 days, from New York from 20 to 25—  
Great traveling time, for Uncle Sam's good pay.

The Lexington Express has changed hands.  
It is henceforth to be published by Messrs. Julian  
and Smallwood. The new Editors say, the paper  
"shall continue what it ever has been—con-  
sistently whig."

The proceedings of the railroad meeting,  
held at Ridgely last Monday will appear next  
week.

## COMMERCIAL.

## PARKVILLE PRICES CURRENT.

PARKVILLE, FEB. 2, 1855.

Correlated weekly by Aspling, Stevens, & Co. Mer-  
chants, Produce Dealers and Steamship Agents.

## PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS.

Beef	"	\$5 00 to \$6 00
Butter	"	\$4 00 to \$5 00
Bacon	"	8 to 10
Lard	lb	6 to 10
Tallow	"	5 to 7
Rider, dried	"	7 to 10
do green	"	2 to 3
Wheat	bushel	\$1 00 to \$1 10
Barley	"	70c to 80c
Flour S. fine	100lb	\$3 00
do fine	"	\$4 00
Peas	lb	\$5 to 10
Henwax	"	15 to 20
Butter	"	25
Eggs (canned)	doz	12 to 15
Chickens	"	\$1 50
Turkeys	each	40 to 75
Beans, white	bushel	\$1 50 to \$2 00



